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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed. However, copies of the listed U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication are not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and international applications entering the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003.

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Enclosed is a copy of an International Search Report issued in International Application No. PCT/JP2005/004311, filed on March 11, 2005.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,906,997 corresponds to Japanese Patent Document No. 2002-511897. European Patent Document No. 1 248 636 corresponds to Japanese Patent Document No. 2003-520243. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0178339 corresponds to International Publication No. WO 2004/081055. Each of the above documents is listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

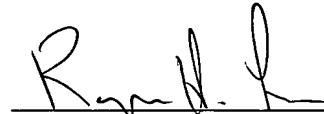
To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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